

shadows to get care, and we cannot go back to that dangerous time.

The truth is, none of us can walk in the shoes of each woman facing an unwanted pregnancy, so let's use this anniversary to renew our commitment to ensuring that every woman in America can make her own decision and walk her own path.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Ms. HANABUSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, on December 13, 1971, the United States Supreme Court heard arguments in a case called *Roe v. Wade*.

Then, 13 months later, 40 years ago today, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision on the case, a case that every law student reads, a case that has defined a woman's right to control her body and her future, and the definitive decision on women's right to choose. And this was delivered by Justice Blackmun for the Court.

I reread that decision on this day and was struck by the statement that the task for the Court is to "resolve the issue by constitutional measurement, free of emotion and of predilection."

Justice Blackmun went on to quote Justice Holmes in *Lochner v. New York*, and he said:

The Constitution is made for people of fundamentally differing views, and the accident of our finding certain opinions natural and familiar or novel and even shocking ought not to conclude our judgment upon the question of whether statutes embodying them conflict with the Constitution of the United States.

Interestingly, it was Chief Justice Roberts who also looked to Justice Holmes in deciding *ObamaCare*. Both cases on the 14th Amendment, both looking to the Constitution. Forty years later, good law.

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(Ms. BONAMICI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago today, *Roe v. Wade* gave women the right to make their own decisions about reproductive health care. Without it, women's lives would be very different.

History shows us that when abortion is illegal, it does not go away; it becomes dangerous. And that's why it's important to continue to make sure that abortion is legal, rare, regulated, and safe.

Before *Roe*, more than a million women each year took great risk to access health care they needed. They faced unlicensed and ill-equipped physicians, unsanitary conditions, illness, and death. This is why the Supreme Court ruling was so important 40 years ago. It ensured safe, legal abortions for these women.

Roe v. Wade ensures the basic right of privacy, the freedom to control one's body and one's future. It can be easy to feel complacent today, but the threats against reproductive health care rights are increasing.

There is still work to be done. Today, 40 years later, we must continue to fight so that women's reproductive health care rights are not rolled back.

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(Mr. HOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago today the Supreme Court affirmed the dignity and independence of each American woman. The result of the decision was an understanding that our Constitution guaranteed decisions about a woman's own body should be left up to that woman, in consultation with her doctor, her family, and her religion, not the Federal Government.

There is now a generation of women who do not remember the time before *Roe v. Wade*, a time when men assumed they could say what women could and could not do about their personal private health care and reproduction.

We still have a lot of work to do. Unfortunately, over the past 40 years there have been numerous legislative attempts to deny this right to women and treat women who exercise control over their own bodies as criminals.

We have to make sure that we defend also Title X, maternal and child health care programs, public access to reproductive health care, and that we reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. But we must remember the time before *Roe v. Wade* and what is at stake.

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(Ms. DEGETTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEGETTE. Yesterday, in his inaugural address, our President reminded us of the founding principle of our Nation—that all Americans are created equal. For the women of this great country, there can be no greater means of equality than the right to reproductive choice.

Today, on the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, I come to the floor to reflect on that landmark decision that allowed American women the freedom to make health care decisions on their own, in consultation with their family and doctors.

I don't know the story of every woman who's had to make a difficult decision, but I can tell you this: each one is unique. Each woman's story is her own. As a politician, I'm not going

to tell women when to get checkups or when to get mammograms. And no politician, now or ever, should tell a woman how to handle her pregnancy.

Just this morning, *The Wall Street Journal* issued a poll that showed Americans agree with this; 7 in 10 Americans believe *Roe v. Wade* should stand. And I think everybody who tries to reverse this fundamental right should keep that in mind.

Thank you to everybody who fights every day for the rights of women. Today is a day to be grateful and to celebrate and to commit to hard work in the future.

NO BUDGET, NO PAY

(Mr. TIPTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIPTON. As we begin the 113th Congress, it is time that this Congress does what hardworking families and small businesses across our country do every day: balance our budget and actually work within a budget. We have families right now that are struggling. The impacts of this Congress and its inability to be able to have its fiscal house in order cannot be overstated when it comes to hurting those families and small businesses.

We're going to be putting forward legislation to make sure that that debt ceiling will be increased for a temporary period of time, but with the requirement that this House and our counterparts in the United States Senate actually pass a budget for the American people. If we can't do that, then we as Members of Congress don't deserve to be paid. No budget, no pay. This is common sense—to stand up for the American people to make sure that we are getting this fiscal house in order and looking out for our children and for our grandchildren.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today, we mark the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark decision which enshrined a realm of personal privacy that is deeply connected to the personal freedoms that we hold dear in this country. As one Justice put it, it's the simple right to be left alone.

The right to choose is meaningless without access to choose. Yet the Republican-led Congress has chipped away at access, voting 10 times to limit access in the last Congress to a woman's basic right. Last year, there were 43 laws that were passed in 19 States that would restrict access to a woman's right to choose.

This past election, women made it loud and clear that the right to choose is one that they believe in, and that is